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Gilead		‡3 15	8 59	5 21
West Bethel		‡3 25	9 12	5 33
BETHEL		3 31	9 21	5 40
Locke's Mills		‡3 39	9 31	5 49
Bryant Pond		3 45	9 40	5 55
West Paris		3 55	9 55	6 06
South Paris		4 08	10 13	6 25
PORTLAND		5 30	12 15	8 35
BOSTON		9 20 pm	4 15	1255 pm

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Stations.		Express.	Pass. P. m.	Pass.
GORHAM	Lve.	11 10	5 45	8 45
	Arr.	11 05	5 25	8 45
Shelburne		‡10 53	5 11	8 34
Gilead		‡10 42	4 57	8 20
West Bethel		‡10 30	4 42	8 07
BETHEL		10 23	4 32	7 59
Locke's Mills		‡10 14	4 20	7 48
Bryant Pond		10 08	4 11	7 41
West Paris		9 55	3 55	7 28
So. Paris		9 37	3 35	7 10
PORTLAND		7 55	1 30	5 20
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NEWS ABOUT HOME.

What our People are doing. Items of Interest, etc.

"A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid."

Miss E. E. Burnham spent last week in Bangor.

Mrs. C. L. Littlehale has been on the sick list for a few weeks.

Mr. Frank Currier was up from Norway to attend the Leap Year ball.

Dr. Harry Jones and Miss Cole were here from Norway to attend the ball.

Subject at the Universalist church next Sabbath forenoon, Letting the Light Shine.

Geo. Clark and wife of Gorham, N. H., attended the Leap Year ball last Friday.

Miss Lutie Fox filled the vacancy as organist last Sunday at the Methodist church.

Eugene Twitchell and wife returned from a visit at Gorham, N. H., Monday morning.

The Ladies' circle of Middle Intervale will meet at Miss Minnie Kimball's next Thursday.

Prof. and Mrs. Scott Wight were called home by the sudden death of Mrs. Wight's mother. They returned Friday.

The Praying Band of the Methodist church are holding meetings at Newry Corner every two weeks. Fourteen persons from this village attended the meeting last Sunday afternoon.

A pension has been allowed Ella I. Barker, widow of Benjamin Barker, through the Bethel Pension Agency of J. G. Rich, of fourteen dollars a month and back pay of two hundred dollars.

The Good Templars will have a public entertainment Thursday evening, Feb. 27th every member is earnestly requested to be present; cake and coffee; each member has the previlege of bringing their friends.

The sociable given in Garland Chapel by the Ladies' Club assisted by the young people was a very pleasant affair. A very novel and pleasing programme under the direction of Miss Alice Chamberlin afforded much merriment. The piano duet by Misses Chamberlin and Twaddle was finely executed. After ice cream and cake was served, a social hour closed a pleasant evening. The funds of the Club received an addition of eight dollars.

It is understood that a party of prospectors will leave Boston on March 12th, via the Boston & Maine, Central Vermont, Grand Trunk, Chicago & Grand Trunk, Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, and the Denver & Rio Grande Railways, for a trip to Cripple Creek and return. Messrs. Stedman and Kellogg, the well-known bankers of Boston, have the matter in charge, and in a comprehensive circular, gotten out by these people, the advantages of going early are set forth. They will be pleased to open communication with all parties interested in this section of the country. For particulars address, Stedman & Kellogg, No. 3 Congress St., Boston, Mass.

Programme for the Pomona Grange, which is to be held at Bethel the first Tuesday in March. Forenoon taken up with routine business and conferring the fifth degree. Women's half hour, subject, What should be a woman's work on the farm? Opened by Mrs. Charles F. Abbott, followed by Mrs. Emily Felt of Franklin Grange. Recess for dinner. Music by Bethel Grange. Discussion, How can we best carry out the objects and aims of the Grange, and what are it's duties in the community? Opened by John F. Howe and J. Kimball of Round Mt. Grange. Recitation by Mrs. Susie Chapman of Bethel Grange. Recitation by Mrs. Cora Larray of West Paris Grange. Recitation by a member of Pleasant Valley Grange. Essay by Mrs. H. E. Carter of Paris Grange. Music by Bethel Grange. Essay by C. E. Valentine of Bethel Grange.

NOTICE.

I intend changing my system of trade from credit to cash or ready pay from and after the first day of April next. And all outstanding accounts must be settled by the first day of May, 1896, without further notice. I shall keep no books and run no accounts unless especially arranged.

Thanking my customers for past patronage I earnestly solicit their trade in the future, believing that by this system I shall be able to sell goods cheaper and more satisfactorily to my customers.

Chas. Chase.

Upton, Feb., 1896.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE!

The Elegant Residence of the Late Dr. True

Was Burned to the Ground Wednesday.

A very unfortunate and disastrous fire visited this quiet village Wednesday morning, totally destroying the Dr. True homestead. At about nine o'clock fire was discovered in the basement near the furnace, and an alarm was immediately given. In five minutes from the time the alarm was given Volunteer Hose Co. was on the way to the fire, and Hose Co. No. 1 soon followed. The Volunteers soon had a stream working, and a heroic effort was made to save the beautiful residence. But this was not to be; the fire was a bad one from the first. Before discovered it had gained great headway, and the house soon filled with smoke from basement to attic, and the floor on the lower story took fire so quickly that it made work for the firemen extremely dangerous. Notwithstanding this they worked with a will, even after it became dangerous, and for some time it was hoped they might get control.

The True residence was built in 1856 by the late Dr. N. T. True, and has ever since been the home of his family. It was a historic house, the Dr. having for some years kept a boarding school there. Since first built by the Dr. it has had several modern and costly additions, and was at the time of the fire one of the best appointed, most home-like residences in the county.

Dr. True had during his life collected a great many valuable geological specimens, rare books and curios, and Dr. and Mrs. Gehring had during their European travels collected many elegant and costly paintings and keepsakes, and the house was filled throughout with carved furniture, books, paintings, busts, vases, and all that goes to make a home attractive and beautiful. It seemed a great pity to see all this so ruthlessly destroyed, and no one able to render much assistance; and many were the regrets spoken and sympathies expressed for Dr. and Mrs. Gehring and the True family.

The contents of the parlors were by the greatest efforts saved, and furniture in two rooms in the second story was saved, but beyond this everything was destroyed. Most of the clothing, many books, etc., were in the third story, and no one ventured there.

Nothing of the silverware, jewelry, etc., was saved. The loss must have been, from a money point of view, nearly $15,000.00, with an insurance of $9,000.00. Dr. and Mrs. Gehring were in Portland and did not arrive in Bethel until evening.

After it became evident that the house was doomed, the firemen directed their efforts toward saving the stable, which they succeeded in doing. It was through the praiseworthy efforts of the Volunteer Hose Co. that some of the most valuable furniture was saved; they succeeded in holding the fire back long enough for the citizens to clear out the front parlors, and for this the family wish to express their sincere appreciation. The boys certainly made a brave fight, and are deserving of much credit.

The Hose Co. No. 1 were unfortunate in having their hose fill with anchor ice, but they made a good fight and rendered very valuable assistance.

Marshall Lawrence had a narrow escape. He was alongside of the burning house when the large furnace chimney fell, striking within a foot or two of Mr. Marshall. Major True had his beard quite badly scorched, and several of the boys cut their hands badly on broken glass.

Irving Kimball was on hand with his camera and took several views of the burning building.

Some of the ladies were very thoughtful in furnishing a lunch for the firemen; the boys showed their appreciation of the kindness.

Hood's Healed the Sore.

South Portland, Me., Feb. 7, 1896.

My husband had a sore on one of his limbs for six years, and he began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and it healed the sore. He has also had a lame back, but has not been troubled with it since he began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. He takes a few bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla every spring as a blood purifier.

Lillian Gettings.

SPECIAL CLUBBING OFFER.

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Boston Daily Traveler,	2.50

Convention Echoes.

Notwithstanding the snow and blow last Thursday morning, a goodly number of delegates representing the Little Androscoggin Valley Sunday School Association met at the Methodist church.

The convention was called to order by Pres. C. H. Davis, who called on Rev. I. Jordan to offer prayer. After Rev. Z. Wheeler of West Paris had been elected to act as Secretary, the exercises proceeded according to programme. Deacon E. C. Chamberlain of the Congregationlist church spoke impressively of the importance of Primary Sunday school work.

Brother H. C. Chase of South Bethel spoke upon the subject of the Home Department; the opportunity and possibility of doing much good in this direction.

Then came, in the way of exposition, the most interesting part of the day's Programme by Mrs. N. J. Hammond of Elliott, Me. It was an object lesson in the way of primary teaching. A class of little children occupied the front pew, who with the help of Mrs. Hammond gave the audience a very helpful and interesting exposition of the Sunday School lesson for Feb. 24th, "Faith Encouraged". Her exposition was largely illustrated. Although simplified to meet the comprehension of a child's mind, it was impossible for anyone to be otherwise than intensely interested.

This number on the programme was followed by brief remarks from the various pastors present. After committees had been appointed to draft resolutions, and secure a place for the next meeting, the convention adjourned to 1.30 P. M.

Exercises were resumed in the afternoon, commencing with a devotional meeting led by Rev. L. B. Withee of the Congregational church at Gilead; followed by a short report from the superintendents or representatives of the different schools present; viz: Congregational of Berlin, Methodist of Gorham, Congregational of Gilead, Congregational, Universal and Methodist of Bethel, Methodist of Locke's Mills, Baptist and Methodist of West Paris.

After, the Normal lesson was illustrated and discussed by Rev. T. F. Millett. Field secretary of Sunday Schools; he not only spoke of the Bible as a collection of sacred books, but also of the value and importance of making a study of them as such. In regard to their authorship, the subject of the same, whether doctrinal, historical or prophetical, when the books were written and for what purpose. All this, of course, was intended for the adult mind.

The question box following this number on the programme was in charge of Rev. J. B. Carruthers of Berlin. Although several questions were handed in, in a remarkably short time he succeeded in answering them nearly all in a satisfactory manner.

The afternoon session concluded with an address by Rev. G. I. Lowe of Gorham, founded on the first five verses of the second chapter of Proverbs. The speaker dwelt upon the importance of a consecrated effort, drawing illustrations from the lives of those who have been the possessors of one idea consecrated to some purpose for the good of humanity. This he applied to the Sunday School work, or the importance of having consecrated workers.

He spoke of the Bible as a revelation, finding its strongest support in the lives of those who have been inspired by its pages. "These are they who testify of me," the Master says; and as far as possible, these are they who should work in the Sunday School. His remarks were listened to with close attention. The convention then adjourned to 7.30 P. M.

The evening opened promptly with a praise service, conducted by Rev. F. E. Barton of the Universalist church. Mrs. Hammond then continued the subject of primary work, speaking some thirty minutes. It was evident from the close attention of the audience that they were in hearty sympathy with the speaker. The speaker advocated that the time had gone by when nothing was necessary for the children but to simply drone out the lesson. She explained several new and peculiar methods of holding the attention of those minds that are generally considered restless as well as active. We were never more impressed with the truth of the declaration that teaching is a fine art, than when listening to the exposition of this talented lady.

The evening session concluded with an address by Supt. Millett, who spoke in a general way of the importance of Sunday school work, as well as of the peculiar value of the best book ever given to mankind. Of the importance of remembering that the boys and girls of today will be the men and women of tomorrow. Of the importance of supporting the study of that book which is able so effectively to counteract the influence of that literature which is really ruin in disguise. There is no doubt but what Bro. Millett is an earnest supporter of the Sunday School.

Altogether, the day was not only enjoyable, but profitable, stimulating and inspiring. Therefore good must be the result. Bro. Hamilton and the ladies of the Methodist church made abundant provision for the comfort and refreshment of the visitors, both local and otherwise, and everything was done to make the friends feel at home, for which they receive the gratitude of the convention.

The next convention will meet at Gorham the 2nd Thursday in May.

F. E. Barton.

DR. J. BARTLETT RICH.

Died in Worcester, Mass., Feb. 25th, suddenly of angina pectoris, Dr. J. Bartlett Rich, son of J. G. Rich esq., aged fifty-one years and six months. Dr. Rich has been carrying a large practice for many years. He was resident physician in Worcester City Hospital for sixteen years, after 1870, and for the last ten years has been head surgeon in that institution. He leaves a wife and three children, a son in Dartmouth College, and two girls in Boxwood ladies' school, Lyme, Conn. It can be truly said that Dr. Rich died in the harness, as he drove night and day until a week before his death.

Arthur Howe was in town from Hanover, Monday.

W. W. Wight of Newry was in this village today.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Ames went to Norway, Monday afternoon.

Mr. Irving Clark has gone to New York to accept a fine position there.

The Y. P. C. E. will hold a sociable in Garland Chapel, Friday evening. All are invited.

Mrs. Mark Chandler accompanied by her daughter Ella, went to Boston Saturday to remain two weeks.

A pension has been allowed Capt. John Dearborn, of Lockes Mills, of six dollars a month. through the Bethel Pension Agency of J. G. Rich,

Mr. E. E. Holt brought a large hen's egg into the NEWS office Tuesday that measured eight and one fourth inches by six and five eighths.

Impoverished blood causes that tired feeling. Hoods, Sarsaparilla purifies, enriches and vitalizes the blood and gives vigor and vitality.

The following spring boarders are at Lovejoy's Hotel; Mr. I. K. Salisbury, Miss Bertha Salisbury, and Master Clarence Salisbury from Bar Harbor, Maine.

A hot "Baked bean dinner" will be served as usual in the hall Town meeting day by the Trustees of the Bethel Library Association, and any one desirous of contributing towards supplying the tables with food, are invited to send it to the hall any time after nine o'clock Monday morning without further solicitation.

Last Sunday at the close of the morning service Rev. Israel Jordan read his resignation, to take effect May 31st. The three years of his ministry here have been very happy and successful, and it is with the deepest regret his people accept his decision and also regret that an imperative duty for rest has led him to sever the happy relations that have existed between pastor and people.

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THE LONE INDIAN OF MAGALLOWAY

BY THE AUTHOR OF "THE EMPRESS OF BEAUTY," ETC.

CHAPTER VI, Continued.

Before Searsmont had returned to his old friend's cabin, his loved one had been there and made a present to the old lady of a mess of delicious trout, and had again gone home. When he arrived, he learned what had taken place and felt glad he had delayed his return so long—for the state of his nerves was such that he feared his conduct would have been too much embarrassed to make a favorable impression. Soon after this Mr. Brown, otherwise "old Mike," made his appearance, blustering round, and joking first the old lady and then Searsmont. His day's labor had made him feel jolly, and he was too full of his fun to please Searsmont in his present pensive mood. He thought he needed quiet, or something—in fact, he didn't know exactly what he did want. He dreaded the coming interview more than he ever dreaded anything in his life. He was extremely anxious to appear in his best manner—so anxious, that all his motions seemed unusually awkward to him. His free and easy deportment appeared to have fled entirely from him.

"By jingoes, wife!" exclaimed Old Mike, observing the trout that lay upon the table, "That gal has brought us another mess of fish. She's a free hearted creature as ever lived, besides being confounded handsome, too. What! seventeen of them? we shall live fat now."

"Yes," replied his wife, "seventeen—one for every year the sweet creature has lived among us. It's a birthday present. I can remember when she was born as well as if it had happened yesterday. How time goes away!"

"A birthday present sure enough!" said the old man. "This day she is seventeen years of age—old enough to be married, and blessed be the man who gets her for a wife."

"I don't think she'll ever be married," replied the old lady. "She says she don't want to be married."

"Whew!" exclaimed Old Mike, "the gals always talk so, but they don't mean what they say. Why, the first time I went to court you, don't you remember you said the very same thing? You only did it to make one feel the fiercer. It's all nonsense, I say. I know 'em as well as I know the way to our spring on the side of the hill yonder."

"Nonsense!" said his wife. "Your tongue runs nonsense enough in all conscience. I believe my soul the older you grow and the harder you work, the more boyish you act."

"Boyish!" exclaimed Old Mike, jumping up and striking his feet together on the floor. "Why, I feel as young as ever I did."

All this time poor Searsmont felt as though he was sinking into the earth. He couldn't now see how any human being could be so lively and full of fun as old Mike was.

"Young man," said Mike, addressing Searsmont, "did you see this gal when she made us her birth-day gift?"

"I hadn't returned," replied he, in a very modest, unassuming manner.

"Wake up! wake up! young man!" continued this jolly old soul. "You must put on your best bib and tucker when you go to see this gal. A faint heart never won fair lady, as the old saying is. You must be wide awake, full of smiles, and say a good many soft, pretty things. She never see many fellows so handsome as you are. Who knows but she'll take a liking to you?"

"Why," interrupted the good old wife, "you talk just as though Mr. Searsmont was going to court."

"Going to court!" replied the old man; "he'll want to court fast enough when he sees her, else he's got no such blood in his veins as I used to have. Old as I am now, if I should lose you, I should be almost tempted to try myself. The other evening as I sat smoking my pipe with her, joking and laughing, she brought me a curious little worm-box she had been making out of birch-bark—and as she gave it to me, her little fingers dropped into the palm of my hard hand—her long hair fell over my shoulders—I felt her sweet breath on my old cheek, and could almost hear her young heart beat. I tell you I began *to feel over again* my old courting nights." Here the old man burst into a long, loud laugh, which was soon cut short by his wife slapping his ears, and telling him he talked like a fool.

During Old Mike's last speech, Searsmont sat intensely listening to every word he uttered, and feeling something akin to jealousy pervading his sensitive heart. The "*green-eyed monster*" had almost taken possession of his soul, and yet his better judgment ought to have controlled this ebullition of feeling; for he might have known, if he had been left to his sober senses, that the old man was only joking and having a little fun with his good old partner. But the idea of her little fingers touching the palm of Old Mike's hand, her rich tresses falling upon his shoulders, his hearing her heart throb in her bosom, and what, if possible, was more maddening than all the rest, his feeling her sweet breath upon his cheek, was more than his philosophy could stand up against. He was absolutely convulsed in every limb, and came very near dropping from his seat to the floor; but he recovered from the shock, and pretended he only felt a little sick at his stomach.

To be Continued.

LIVINGSTONE'S FIRST EXPEDITION.

The Persecutions of the Boers First Started Him to the Wilderness.

Between Livingstone and his Boer neighbors there was little love. He accused the Boer farmers of cruelty to the natives, and they resented his interference and threatened to drive him out of the country. He published their misdeeds in the Cape newspapers, and in revenge for his strictures they finally set fire to his house and burned him out.

This it was which first induced Livingstone to travel to the north, in hopes of finding a land where he could follow in peace his vocation as missionary and where the Boer farmers could no longer molest him. In his search for the ideal territory he had in view he entered regions utterly unknown to the best informed geographer, and made many discoveries of importance. It was then that he discovered Lake Ngami and the southern feeders of the Zambezi. It was from this motive that he was led to continue his journey across the Zambezi, to follow its course to its head waters, and to make his way to San Paul de Loanda in Angola, and this was why he retraced his steps and followed the Zambezi to the eastern ocean, where his first series of remarkable adventures terminated after sixteen years of travel.

Just as the Boer persecution had started him on his explorations and diverted him from his cherished missionary work, so the great reputation he obtained by these brilliant feats of travel and valuable discoveries of great lakes and rivers tended to separate him still further from his true role. He had revealed the existence of a tropical world, of luxuriant savannas and extensive forests, where animal life was prolific and the vegetation was of marvelous variety and growth. The Zambezi river was 2,000 miles long, the lakes were full of sweet water, the soil was fertile and well repaid cultivation, the native products were varied and useful, and as for the natives, when let alone by the roving Arab and unmolested by the Portuguese half caste, the account of his long residence among them and his many adventures with them proved that they were a good deal better than English people had any notion of. However, the slave trade was rampant in the interior, whole districts were being devasted, and thousands of human beings annually perishing through the bloody violence adopted by the Arabs. The sights in the slave ship's hold were not to be compared in horror to what he had seen in African kraal and camp.

Livingstone was much occupied with delivering addresses in the principal British cities, and after warming his audiences with his glowing pictures of African lands, he would make their flesh creep by telling them of the wholesale murders perpetrated by the Arab and Portuguese marauders, and then close with an appeal for the help of Christian England to stop these horrid inhumanities.—Henry M. Stanley in Century.

London Milk.

Perhaps among the manifold contributions to the commissariat of London that of milk asserts itself most loudly. First, there is the rumbling transfer at railway stations of those truncated tin cones containing it which have arrived by night trains from the country into milkmen's carts, whose jangling cans add to the rattle they make as jehus drive furiously to the various "walks" where it is distributed by thick soled, white aproned women, who, in filling the household jug, also leave a "blob" of it on the doorstep—a libation resented by tidy mistresses. The noise of its arrival before the London milkmaid fills her pail might well lead one to wish that its transporting carts were fitted with pnuematic tires. No other vehicle makes such a seemingly needless row in going about its business. But every Londoner must have his supply of milk betimes, and in this respect the poor townsman is better off than his mate in the country. There a peasant, daily working in the midst of cow pastured fields, is often unable to get a jug of it for his family. It is sent away to the city, in whose meanest streets the housewife can always buy a penn'orth.—Cornhill Magazine.

Enjoyments.

I have told you of the Spaniard who always put on his spectacles when about to eat cherries, that they might look bigger and more tempting. In like manner I make the most of my enjoyments, and though I do not cast my cares away, I pack them in as little compass as I can, and carry them as conveniently as I can for myself, and never let them annoy others.—Southey.

Hard Work.

Mrs. A.—I'm surprised that your husband earns so little if he works as hard as you say. What does he do?

Mrs. B.—The last thing he did was to calculate how many times a clock ticked in the course of 1,000 years.—London Tit-Bits.

Children's Column.

Devoted to the Interests of our Little Ones

We solicit letters and items from the children for this column, and would ask anyone to send us stories, puzzles or anything deemed of interest to the little folks.

THE CHILDREN'S LETTERS.

So. Acton, Mass., Jan. 25, 1896.

Dear Mr. Editor;

We read your paper every week and like it very much, so I thought I would try for the prize. I am nine years old; I go to school and Sunday school. I have no pets, but I have a little chum; we call him Doc. We have fine times coasting and skating.

I visited Bethel last summer with my parents. My cousin took us to ride and let me drive a span of horses, which I thought was great fun. I am named for uncle Milton. When I visit Bethel again I will drop in, and will you please, Mr. Editor, show me where these letters are printed?

Your little friend,

Milton C. Bean.

Bethel, Me., January 16, 1896.

Dear Editor;

A little baby sister came to us the ninth of January. She is fat, and weighs nine pounds. We are going to name her Flora Gordon. I have held her several times. Her hair is dark and she has a good deal of it. We think she looks like a baby a month old, but she is not quite a week old. We all think her very cunning and that she has *very* good lungs. She was almost a New Year's baby. She has blue eyes.

My little sister Laura has written to you; she was six years old the 28th of November. She had to print her letter.

I am eleven years old. I go to school in the brick school house. Miss Twombly is my teacher. We are working in weights and measures in arithmetic at school.

Your friend,

Alice R. Hamilton.

Newry, Jan. 18th, 1896.

Dear Mr. Editor;

You asked the children to write you a letter, so I would like to try it. I am seven years old. I live on Sunday river. I go to school in a new school-house. I study geography, arithmetic, spelling and reading. My teacher's name is Ethel Hammons. We have one horse; his name is Ben. We have a dog; his name is Prince. He is a large Shepherd dog. Every morning he sits on the wood box and shakes hands with us all. We have two cats; their names are James and Babus. They are good cats and stay behind the stove most of the time. I would like to go in your office and see the printing press.

Grover Brown

West Bethel, Me., Feb. 7, 1896.

Dear Mr. Editor;

As my other letter escaped the waste basket, I thought I would write again. I was glad to hear that a smart little girl got the prize. Our school finished yesterday. We had a nice teacher; his name was Albert Eames. It rains today. The ducks are out in the snow and rain having a nice time. We have got a little bossie; her name is Dew-drop. Every time I go out in the barn with a pail in my hand she will almost tear the barn down, she wants to play so I will close with a riddle: As I was going through a field of wheat, I picked up something good to eat. It was not flesh, it was not bone, and in three weeks it ran alone.

Yours truly,

Alfreda Tyler.

Albany, Me., Jan. 29, 1896.

Mr. Editor.

Dear Sir:- As other little girls and boys are trying for the prize I thought I would try this week.

I am a little girl twelve years old. My papa lives on a farm four and one half miles from Ed Rowe's store in Bethel village. Papa has two horses; their names are Fannie and Jim, two cows, eighteen hens and one pig.

I have two sisters, Carrie Francis and Sarah C. F. Sarah is named for Mrs. Judge Foster of Bethel, and she was five years old last September. Carry is seventeen years old. She works out the most of the time but is at home going to school this winter.

It is very lonesome for us all since my grandma, Hannah M. Emery died, as she always lived with us. She was eighty-one years old last March. She died New Year's day of pneumonia.

We are having two week's vacation. Our last term was taught by our present teacher Miss Ida Haselton. The most of the scholars feel very sorry and disappointed to think that they are not going to have her for the next term.

I won't say any more this time, but will close wishing all a

Good night,

Olla M. Emery.

Bethel, Me., Jan. 1896.

Dear Editor:-

I am a little girl eight years old. I live in Bethel with my auntie. I have a little sister, Ethel, and a little brother, Mosie. I go to school. I read in the third reader and study arithmetic and spelling. We have fine times at school. I have a five o'clock teaset. We have good times at our tea parties. My papa is a stage driver, and I do not see him very often.

Your friend,

Elsie C. Davis.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Leap Year Ball.

IT WAS WELL ATTENDED DESPITE THE WEATHER.—ODEON HALL A SCENIC DELIGHT.—LIST OF THE DANCERS, AND WHO TOOK WHOM FOR THE GRAND MARCH.

That Leap Year Ball! It came off according to the programme, but didn't the wind blow? There never was a more disheartening outlook for a public ball. For one of the "sterner sex" to start out with a team to bring his partner with plenty of robes and sleigh so warm, were bad enough, but for "gentle woman" with her dainty, easily-soiled wardrobe to brave the elements to become the "sturdy oak" to the masculine "clinging vine" so helpless, yet so fair—that was the superlative of woe! But the plucky ladies accomplished it, all the same, and when the orchestra struck up the overture, about thirty-five couples were on the floor ready to join in the grand march, while the gallery was well filled with an expectant company of both sexes. The committees in charge of the affair were: Floor Manager, Mrs. Billings; Aids, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Hastings, Mrs. Finney, and Miss Kimball, and the manner in which each and all of them performed their parts reflects great credit on their taste, tact and well directed efforts. At about eight o'clock Burnham and Barneys orchestra of Berlin, (six pieces) opened the grand march, and the NEWS reporter took out his note book and pencil to make a few observations. It goes without saying that the ladies were tastefully coiffured and attired, albiet on account of the extreme cold, quiet colors predominated, with here and there a fancy ball dress, thereby making an agreeable variety. The gentlemen for the most part wore regulation black. These were the ladies and their fair partners as they moved in the grand march:

Miss Emma Jones,	Mr. Fred Allen.
Miss Alice Billings,	Dr. C. D. Hill.
Mrs. S. N. Buck,	Mr. S. N. Buck.
Mrs. Carter,	Mr. L. L. Mason.
Mrs. L. A. Hall,	Mr. L. A. Hall.
Miss Merrill,	Mr. Dana Philbrook.
Miss Philbrook,	Mr. Edward King.
Miss Brown,	Mr. W. H. Folley.
" Barker,	C. C. Lovejoy.
" Chapman,	Mark Allen.
" Wiley.	Benj. Goodwin.
Mrs. J. A. Twaddle,	Dr. J. A. Twaddle.
" Finney,	Mr. Frank Currier.
Miss Annie Cole,	Dr. Jones.
Mrs. A. R. Haines,	Mr. A. R. Haines.
Miss Bertha Wiley,	" G. R. Wiley.
" Agnes Kimball,	" Howard Carter
" Maud Pratt,	" Merton Farwell.
Miss Bateman,	" Howard Wiley.
Miss Hall,	Mr. Durwood Mason.
Miss Ethel Hammons,	Mr. Claud Mills.
Mrs. Geo. Clark,	" Geo. Clark.
Mrs. J. C. Billings,	Mr. J. C. Billings.
Miss Cora Hastings,	Mr. Fred Edwards
Miss Ruth Andrews,	J. P. Skillings.
Miss Hastings,	Robert Foster.
Miss Fannie Mason,	Tom Hastings.
Mrs. Tom Hastings,	Mr. E. A. Walker

The ladies although doing the honor of the sterner sex, were attired as best becometh them, and we have undertaken to tell a few "tales out of school" as follows:—

Miss Bertha Wiley wore white cashmere trimmed with ribbon and lace, and for flowers she wore pinks.

Miss Carrie Hastings, pink mull, lace and flowers.

Miss Cora Hastings, dark skirt, evening waist with lace and flowers.

Mrs. Buck, pretty white mull, ribbon, lace and flowers.

Mrs. Susie Edwards, stylish black gown, jet and velvet trimming.

Mrs. Harvey Philbrook, black skirt, evening silk waist, flowers.

Miss Florence Carter, white muslin.

Mrs. Twaddle, silk, lace draperies.

Mrs. J. C. Billings, black silk, jet, flowers.

Miss Jessie Philbrook, figured muslin, and ribbon.

Miss Emma Jones, pink mull, lace and flowers.

Miss Ethel Hammons, white challie velvet garniture, flowers.

Miss Alice Billings, black satin, jet, flowers.

Miss Alice Carter, white lawn, lace, ribbon, flowers.

Miss Bateman, black skirt, evening silk waist.

Mrs. T. F. Hastings, white dotted muslin.

Miss Maud Pratt, dark skirt, evening silk waist.

Mrs. L. A. Hall, black costume, with lace.

Mrs. Finney, handsome dotted silk, white.

Miss Eva Barker, light silk, velvet, lace.

Mrs. Geo. Clark, black satin, jet, lace and pinks.

Miss Frost, black skirt, wine colored silk waist, white lace.

Miss Agnes Kimball, red serge, velvet trimmings, flowers.

Miss Emma Brown, black skirt, fancy silk waist.

Miss Mary Wiley, figured silk, pink trimmings and lace.

Miss Fannie Mason, silk, lace over dress, pinks.

Miss Annie Cole, nile green muslin, trimmings of ribbon and lace.

The dance orders were very pretty and the list of dances very attractive. The music was first class, and the supper which was served by the ladies of the Universalist Society was favorably commented upon; some of the more staid of the company enjoyed a quiet game of whist in the Hall parlor; all went merry. It was a novel sight to see some fair damsel escorting her more lordly partner to a seat, then stand near him gently fanning his heated brow, but they did it graciously and not a murmur arose.

The floor managers did their work admirably, thus plainly demonstrating that the ladies know a thing or two about the successful management of a ball. Altogether it was a very pleasant occassion, and the ladies may well feel proud of their efforts.

BETHEL LOCALS.

MR. E. M. SIMPSON has gone to his home in North New Castle, for a weeks visit.

Miss Jennie Rich of Berlin spent Sunday with Mrs. E. Merrill.

NEW WORD CONTEST.

We announce below a very liberal offer to those who like to try their faculties at word hunting. Our offers are made to obtain new subscribers to the NEWS, and at the same time to furnish amusement that is educative. Word hunting is a wit sharpener and it educates in the use of words; read our offers.

Rules Governing the Word Contest.

Names of persons and places will be allowed. Also the singular and plural of nouns and different tenses of the verbs.

If you find any word about which you are in doubt, put it in as it may be all right.

All lists of words must reach this office by Saturday, Feb. 29th, at six o'clock P. M.

Every list of words must be accompanied by a five months subscription to the NEWS, with fifty cents.

No words can be counted, only such as are found in the English language.

No letter can be repeated in a single word only as many times as it is found in the words, "THE NEWS' JOB PRINT."

Words of two letters may be used.

If there should be two lists received containing just the same number of words, the one received first would be entitled to the first prize.

The letters H. W. S. J. O. B. P. and I. can be used only once in the same word.

The apostrophe may be used.

New Subscribers.

The following are the names added to the NEWS subscription list during the past week:

Mrs. S. S. Hawley, Mechanic Falls.
D. A. Cummings, Albany.
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Geo. K. Wight, Lancaster, Mass.
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DREAMS OF DRESS.

Not a few bridesmaids carry, in addition to the indispensable bouquet, muffs made entirely of flowers.

Plain, flowered, dotted and striped grass linens of exquisite texture and coloring will be in highest fashion next summer.

Embroidery is still a mark of exclusive elegance, particularly the superb French work wrought in special designs directly on the bodice, sleeves or skirt.

Many of the newest evening toilets show bodices liberally decorated with natural flowers, these usually fine, like half blown roses, valley lilies, violets, lilacs, etc.

The knitted jersey blouse so much worn when golfing, cycling, skating or taking any other form of vigorous exercise is now made in a score of different colors and patterns.

Two toned basket weaves of domestic manufacture will be used for inexpensive walking and traveling costumes for spring; also mohairs and French alpacas, both plain and fancy.

In advance styles for spring one notes that the season's skirts are as like as possible to those of the winter, and it would appear that bell shaped skirts with more or less fullness have still a future.

A dressy and economical way of making over a black silk or satin gown is the addition of full sleeves, vest and collar of some of the beautiful shot and figured taffeta silks, chameleon surahs, fancy satins or plaided silks.

The fullness of the most fashionable sleeve begins quite below the shoulder, which is well defined under a vandyke trimming of jet, lace, fur or closely set runnings, unless the sleeve begins at the collar, in which case the sleeve is quite flat below the shoulder.—New York Post

A CASKET OF GEMS.

BY ADDIE KENDALL MASON.

I turned the key this morning
Of a casket unopened for years,
I smiled as I lifted its polished lid,
Though my eyes were misty with tears.
A bunch of Scotch heather tipped with pink
And bound with a ribbon, blue
As the eyes of the lad who plucked the spray
In the far off land where it grew,
Was the first of the gems my casket held
And back through the vanished years,
Swifter than time my thoughts did fly
As I brushed away the tears.

While I called to mind the rogueish face
Of the lad who sailed away
From the father land in the long ago,
With spirits light and gay;
He built him a home near the snow peaks
Of the mountains tall and grand,
Near the dancing foam of the river, bright
As those of his native land,
I'll leave him there with his bonnie wife
With cheeks pink as the heather bloom;
And look again in the casket, sweet
With an odor of faint perfume.

And here is a spray of mistletoe
With its berries of silvery white;
Oh! again I see it twined within
A maiden's curls so bright,
As with flushing cheeks and down cast eyes,
She stood while the firm brown hand,
Twined in her hair the mistletoe,
He had brought from the southern land,
And the dark eyed southerner took away,
From our midst the maiden fair,
To dwell in the land of summertime,
'Mid the blooms of beauty rare.
But she is the fairest of them all
With her winning ways I trow,
And how they'd laugh, could they know I kept
That spray of mistletoe.

Trinkets and ribbons, letters and rings,
Gathered in years long past,
Faded flowers and sea shells bright,
Ah! their memories ever last,
True lover's knots tied by school mates' hands,
Notes slyly passed 'neath the seat,
They bring back to mind the days long gone,
With rememberance strangely sweet,
And here is a pansy's pictured face
For "thought" that is surely kept;
But me thinks on the day it was given me,
They were bitter tears I wept.
"Youth's swift tears are swiftly dried,"
Are words of a queer old tune;
Yet I sometimes know a bitterness yet
When I see the pansy's bloom.

Now out of the casket, a curious heap,
With sentiments grave and gay;
I will take my gems and neath them all
The pansy "for thought" I'll lay.
Then back I will put with tender care
Each one of my treasures too.
With a loving thought for each and all,
For youth's friendships are often true.
And with saddened heart I'll softly close
The lid of my casket gay,
While the key I will hide from envious eyes.
In some far off nook away.
For the most of us have a haunted room
Hidden deep within our heart,
Where ghosts of a long gone vanished past.
In our daily lives take part.
Prosaic mortals may say it's "bosh,"
But if truth were told, I ween,
We are all of us fond of stealing time
Over the past to dream.

CHINESE POEMS.

THE POET.

You ask what my soul does away in the sky;
I inwardly smile, but I cannot reply.
Like the peach blossom carried away by the stream,
I soar to a world of which you cannot dream.
—Li T'ai-Po.

SOLITUDE AMONG THE HILLS.

The birds have all flown to their roost in the tree,
The last cloud has just floated lazily by,
But we never tire of each other, not we,
As we sit there together, the mountains and I.
—Li T'ai-Po.

AT THE TOP OF A PAGODA.

Upon this tall pagoda's peak
My hands can nigh the stars inclose;
I dare not raise my voice to speak
For fear of startling God's repose.
—Yang Ta-Nien.

THOUGHTS ON THE VIEW FROM AN OLD TOWER.

The story of a thousand years
In one brief morning lies unrolled,
Though other voices greet the ears,
'Tis still the moonlit tower of old.

The heroes of those thousand years!
Alas, like running water, gone!
Yet still the fever blast one hears,
And still the plum rain patters on.

'Twas here ambition marched sublime
(An empty fame scarce marks the spot);
Away, * * * for I will never climb
To see the flowers bloom and man forgot!
—Anonymous.

REGRETS.

My eyes saw not the men of old;
And now their age away has rolled
I weep—to think I shall not see
The heroes of posterity.
—Ch'en Tzu-Ang.

—Nineteenth Century.

Mr. Carlyle.

It soon became a habit to watch for the familiar carriage and either to welcome Mrs. Carlyle for a visit or to go with her for a drive. She often came to me on Sunday afternoon. One wet and dreary day I was sitting alone when the bell rang. I gladly ran to answer it and saw a strange gentleman standing there, but looking beyond him I saw the dear face smiling at me from the carriage window. I was eagerly dashing forward, but was peremptorily waved back, with orders to get my bonnet and come out. Mr. George Cooke was our companion, and in spite of the wind and rain we were all very bright and merry, Mrs. Carlyle taking my hand and holding it in hers for a great part of the time.

The day she and Miss Jewsbury came I had seen Punch's Christmas Almanack, and on its cover were likenesses of all the principal literary people, very comical and funny, with absurd doggerel couplets describing them. Among these I spied Carlyle and Tyndall together. Carlyle was in full Scotch costume. In one hand he carried a child's spade and pail, and with the other he was throwing pens and ink over his shoulder, and the lines were these:

Carlyle, having finished "Friedrich" altogether,
Is off to Scarboro to spend the summer weather.

Oh, how she laughed, and how delighted she was! "The first time Punch has taken any notice of him," she said. Another time Mrs. Carlyle said: There is something in the carriage for you. Run and look." I found there a large blue china plate, still happily in my possession.—Blackwood's Magazine.

JEWELRY CONCEITS.

A yellow topaz, in the top of a gold purse, pleases a desirable class of patrons.

Keyless watches, in chased silver and morocco cases, have won deserved popularity.

A unique watch is one with green enameled back, in the center of which appears a ruby shamrock.

Single stone rings for men continue to show hand carved shanks, and are somewhat massive in effect.

Lorgnette chains are very popular and include both gold and silver chains; also gold chains punctuated with pearls and precious stones.

A notable feature of the present day jewelry is that all kinds of fancy stones are utilized. There also appear some exceedingly clever imitations of precious gems.

As the demand for ladies' belts continues the variety increases, and numerous materials are employed, such as gold and silver galloon, silk, velvet, leather, silver and gold.—Jewelers' Circular.

March

April, May are most emphatically the months for taking a good blood purifier, because the system is now most in need of such a medicine, and because it more quickly responds to medicinal qualities. In winter impurities do not pass out of the body freely, but accumulate in the blood.

April

The best medicine to purify, enrich and vitalize the blood, and thus give strength and build up the system, is Hood's Sarsaparilla. Thousands take it as their Spring Medicine, and more are taking it today than ever before. If you are tired, "out of

May

sorts," nervous, have bad taste in the morning, aching or dizzy head, sour stomach and feel all run down, a course of Hood's Sarsaparilla will put your whole body in good order and make you strong and vigorous. It is the ideal Spring Medicine and true nerve tonic, because

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RINGS AND RING LORE.

Early Celtic rings were executed in interlaced work, often of very intricate patterns.

In many female religious orders the ring is used during the ceremony of receiving a novice.

In the tombs of ancient Egypt, dating probably not later than 3000 B. C., are found gold rings of fair workmanship.

In the fourteenth century astrological rings were fashionable in Italy. The settings were carved with various emblems and symbols.

Richard I of England had a ring set with a bloodstone. His enemies attributed his daring and success to the influence of this jewel.

Queen Elizabeth was extravagantly fond of rings. In her jewel case after her death there were found 752 rings of various descriptions and value.

The ring of Edward the Confessor is preserved among the royal regalia of Great Britain. For several centuries it was used in the coronation ceremonies of the English kings.

When the tomb of the great Emperor Frederick, who died in 1250, was opened, in 1780, his coronation ring, set with a beautiful emerald, was still found upon his finger.

It was charged against Demosthenes by his enemies that he was too fond of rings and jewelry, and that when he made a speech he gesticulated more to show his rings than to enforce his remarks.

During the fourteenth century, in France and Spain, gifts of valuable rings to statues of the saints and Virgin Mary were very common. One statue in Barcelona is said to have worn rings valued at $100,000.

Pilgrim rings were formerly sold at every noted shrine in Christendom. They were purchased by pilgrims preparing to return home and were regarded as evidence that the pilgrimage had been really performed.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

HORSES AND HORSEMEN.

Budd Doble will train a few horses this year at Fleetwood park, New York.

The Canadian stallion Vrowsky, 2:18¾, by Red Wilkes, will be shipped to England.

Starplex, 2:11¼, has been sent to his old trainer, Alex. McKay of Columbia, Tenn.

The two sisters to the trotter Henrico, 2:15, at the Jewett farm, Buffalo, are both fast pacers.

W. P. Maloney has the Canadian pacer Lord Ferguson, 2:19¼, in his stable at Joliet, Ills.

Joe Thayer, who drove Trevillian, 2:08¾, to his record, will have that good horse again this year.

John Splan will try to get the fast trotter Newburgen, by Jay Bird, in racing form for the coming season.

The Patchen Wilkes colt out of Belle Eddy, trial, 2:21, by Jerome Eddy, has been named Senator Lamy after the breeder of his dam.

The Baron Wilkes pacer Barondale, 2:11¾, will be sent to Ed Geers early in the spring and will race in the Village farm stable this year.

Spruce Lawn farm, Springfield, O., will have in its campaigning stable this year Lagonda Chimes by Chimes and Cicilly W, by Heir-at-law, 2:12.

L. Simon of Louisville, Ky., who was once prominent on the harness racing tracks but who has been racing runners for several years, will be out with a stable of trotters again this year.

Mambrino Dudley, 2:19¾, the stallion that once stood at the head of General B. F. Tracy's Marshland farm stud, is now owned at Lake City, Minn. He has not been a pronounced success as a sire.

A ROYAL FLUSH.

The young czar of Russia is not fond of the cares of state. He is a rather moody individual, very fond of reading. He has made a close study of French literature.

The Prince of Wales is a great newspaper reader, and will skim through a lot of papers and get the gist of each one with the rapidity and accuracy of a trained newspaper man.

The queen of Portugal is addicted to masculine pursuits. She is passionately fond of hunting, and has been seen to herself thrust the knife into the throat of a dying stag. Her love for a bull fight is notorious.

The emperor of Austria smokes so called Virginia cigars, which, being manufactured of the rankest tobacco at Triest, have straws running through them to make them draw and are so green that they have to be held in a flame for several minutes to light.

The king of the Belgians is seldom seen in the theaters of Brussels, caring little for theatrical performances. He objects, too, to sitting in the royal box at the various houses of amusement. The queen, on the contrary, is passionately fond of the theater, and rarely misses a first night.

A Leap Year Bird.

He dotes on Julia's cockatoo,
Although a hateful bird,
And when it screeches, it is true,
He can't get in a word.

But still he loves to have it near,
Because, beneath the rose,
It squawks so loud no one could hear
If Julia should propose.
—Chicago Record.

No Chance Nowadays.

"Young man," said the elderly party, with the big watch chain, "I laid the first foundation of my fortune by saving street car fare."

"I didn't know you ever drove one," remarked the flippant youth. "It can't be worked in these bell punch days anyway."—Indianapolis Journal.

The Silver Lining.

A rainy day I dearly prize;
I love a rainy week.
Oh, how I wish the leaden skies
Might thus forever leak!

Nor am I cheerless when it rains,
But mine is bliss galore
As I look through the dripping pane
Of my umbrella store.
—Truth.

LIFE IN NICARAGUA.

Some of the Curious Customs of the Easy Going Natives.

The routine of daily life in Nicaragua is much simpler than in colder climates; there are no carpets to gather dust and moths, and there is very little furniture and few pictures and bric-a-brac to be dusted and cleaned. The clothing of the children is also much simpler, and the fashions are not variable. The children of the lower class wear no clothing until 12 or 14 years old, and in the upper class one garment, a sort of shirt, is enough for home wear, and children sometimes go on the street in this simple garb. What marketing is not brought to the door is done by the master of the house, and so the women are free to loll in their hammocks and nurse their babies.

The delight of going shopping is entirely unknown. If anything in the dry goods line is wanted a servant is sent to the shop, who brings home an armful of whole pieces of the desired goods. If none of these suits, or if the senora desires to look at others, these are carried back, and another and another armful are brought. This same servant can be trusted to pay for whatever is bought, for they are very honest in money mattors, only indulging in small pilferings. One of the servants at the college was accustomed to go to the treasurer every month to draw the salaries of the teachers, and she used to have each one's money wrapped up in a different part of her dress, and she never made a mistake by giving the wrong sum to any one.

While the women are very affectionate, if death invades their homes you do not see the despair and gloom that so often reign with us in like affliction; they seem to thoroughly take in their religious belief that their dear ones are translated to happier scenes and that the separation is only temporary. The women of the family do not go to the cemetery with their dead; only the male members and friends. There are no hearses, and the coffin is borne on their shoulders, and they are relieved by different relays every little way. Colored coffins are used for young people, blue being a favorite color. The coffin is usually rented by the lower class just for the funeral, and the body is removed at the grave and interred in the ground, with nothing to preserve it from contact with the earth. The wealthy have vaults, or niches in the brick wall surrounding the cemetery, but these are only rented, and it is nothing unusual to read an advertisement in the paper that if the relatives of such and such a one do not pay the rent of the vault, the body will be removed by such a date.

After a death in a house, the piano, if the family is rich enough to own one, is removed from the sala, or parlor, to the back of the house, and though it may be moved in a room or two nearer its former station during the year, it is not opened for that length of time. After the death of the wife of President Gavala, his daughters lent their piano to Mrs. Guzman, the wife of the Nicaraguan minister to this country, who had just come there as a bride, so that it might be used during their year of mourning and not be spoiled by being shut up and gathering dampness, for during the rainy season everything mildews which is not exposed to sunshine occasionally.—Cor. Boston Transcript.

Superstitions.

If you drive through a Russian village about 10 p. m., you will be struck by the absolute quiet that pervades the scene. Not a creature, man or dog, is visible moving about; the place has the air of a deserted village. Suppose by some rare untoward chance you come upon a group of men standing together, apparently in conversation, you will notice that they speak in subdued tones and whispers, and wait so long as you please you will never hear them laugh. The cause is simply this: These Russian peasants believe in evil spirits; but, unlike the Chinese, they believe that they are attracted, not frightened, by sounds. And so, if some unlucky fate decree that the mujik be out of doors after 11 p. m., he is a painfully silent man. This feeling also extends to some of the southern towns. Kiev, the holy city of Russia, is a model in this respect. After 10 p. m. you may practically have the streets to yourself.—Blackwood's Magazine.

His Glad Birthday.

"Dear John, here's a silver matchsafe, and I wish you many happy returns."

"Thank you, dear Sophia."

"Oh, yes, and mamma's coming today to stay two months, and the soft coal's out, and the hard coal's out, and here's the gas bill."—Chicago Record.

Had to Be Done.

Scrupulous Valet (on finding a 5 franc piece in the pocket of his master's new waistcoat)—It's a thousand pities for the waistcoat, but there's nothing else for it. I must make a hole large enough for the money to slip through.—Libre Parole.

THE EYE.

Nearsighted people almost always have prominent eyes.

Small eyes are commonly supposed to indicate cunning.

The deer really weeps, its eyes being provided with lachrymal glands.

Whenever blue occurs in the iris it is generally the predominant color.

Fishes are not provided with lachrymal skins, their watery habitation rendering these appendages unnecessary.

Eyes of which the whole of the iris is visible belong to erratic persons, often with a tendency toward insanity.

Blue eyed cats are always deaf. The physiologists have in vain attempted to explain this curious circumstance.

A flaxseed placed under the eyelid and allowed to remain there frequently removes foreign substances in the eye.

The eye which when open presents a long acute angle to the nose invariably indicates comprehensive understanding and great intelligence in its possessor.

A white object of any size may be seen in sunlight at a distance of 17,250 times its diameter—that is to say, if it is a white ball a foot in diameter it can be perceived at a distance of 17,250 feet.

A mole's eyes are believed to give the animal nothing more than an impression of light, which is probably painful or at least annoying, the sensation prompting the creature at once to burrow into the earth and escape the annoyance.

LEGAL NOTICES.

UNITED STATES BRANCH.

Employers' Liability Assur. Corporation
LIMITED,
OF LONDON, ENGLAND.
Incorporated in 1880 Commenced business 1881
LORD CLAUD HAMILTON, PRES.
S. STANLEY BROWN, SEC.
GEO. MUNROE ENDICOTT, United States Manager and Attorney.
CAPITAL PAID UP IN CASH $750,000.00.

Assets Dec. 31, 1895.

Stocks and bonds owned by the company, market value	854,400.00
Cash in company's principal office and bank,	772.79
Cash deposited with trustees,	19,995.64
Interest due and accrued,	6,797.50
Premiums in due course of collection,	193,945.76
Aggregate of all the admitted assets of the company at their actual value,	1,075,911.69

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1895.

Net amount of unpaid losses and claims,	249,125.00
Amount required to safely re-insure all outstanding risks,	458,215.56
Total amount of liabilities, except capital stock and net surplus,	707,340.56
Capital deposits,	200,000.00
Surplus beyond capital.	168,571.13
Aggregate amount of liabilities including net surplus,	1,075,911.69

S. N. BUCK, Oxford County Agent, Bethel, Me.

North Western Mutual Life Ins. Co.
OF MILWAUKEE, WIS.
38th Annual Statement, January 1st, 1896.

Income.

Premiums (including annuities),	13,576,072.68
Interest and rents,	3,962,639.47
Total income,	17,538,712.15

Assets.

Loans on bond & mortgage,	59,041,112.24
Loans on polices as collateral,	1,948,050.00
Premium notes,	413,301.81
Real estate,	1,400,863.15
United States bonds, market value,	2,197,850.00
State & municipal bonds, market value,	10,437,351.08
Cash on hand and in banks,	4,533,611.02
Accrued interest and rent,	1,371,305.77
Due and deferred prems. (less loading)	1,553,944.54
Total assets,	82,902,389.64

Liabilities.

Present value of not due instalments,	45,115.00
Losses and endowments unadjusted,	381,971.40
Dividends due and on deferred premiums not due, etc., (estimate),	100,240.97
Unpaid accounts, etc., not presented,	56,929.01
Reserve req'd by law, Actuaries' 4 per cent,	65,746,160.00
Reserve for Annuities,	58,412.00
Total liabilities,	66,388,828.38
Surplus on 4 per cent. basis,	16,513,561.26

S. N. BUCK, Oxford County Agent, Bethel, Me.

LANCASHIRE INS. CO.,
OF MANCHESTER, ENGLAND,
INCORPORATED 1852.
E. LITCHFIELD, - Manager at New York.

Assets Dec. 31, 1895.

Real Estate owned by the company, unincumbered,	385,585.72
Stocks and bonds owned by the company, market value	1,549,502.50
Cash in the company's principal office and in bank,	128,331.49
Premiums in due course of collection,	244,436.33
Aggregate of all the admitted assets of the company at their actual value,	2,307,856.04

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1895.

Net amount of unpaid losses and claims,	229,003.13
Amount required to safely re-insure all outstanding risks,	1,263,911.57
All other demands against the company, viz: commissions, &c.,	45,000.00
Total amount of liabilities, except capital stock and net surplus,	1,537,814.70
Surplus beyond capital,	770,041.34
Aggregate amount of liabilities including net surplus,	2,307,856.04

Wm. J. WHEELER, Agent, South Paris, Me.

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Commenced Business in United States 1866
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DAN. WINSLOW, ... Assistant Manager.

STATEMENT JANUARY 1st, 1896

Assets.

Loans on Bond and Mortgage (first liens),	450,000.00
Stocks and Bonds owned by the Company, market value,	2,714,639.00
Cash in the company's principal office and in bank,	207,21..15
Interest due and accrued,	54,057.00
Premiums in due course of collection	408,195.79
Bills Receivable, &c.,	5,038.87
Aggregate of all admitted assets of the company at their actual value,	3,833,132.81

Liabilities.

Net amount of unpaid losses and claims,	251,017.22
Amount required to safely re-insure all outstanding risks,	1,898 577.63
All other demands against the company, viz; commissions, &c.,	100.727.47
Total amount of liabilites, except capital stock and net surplus,	2,250 322.32
Surplus beyond capital,	1,582 810 49
Aggregate amount of liabilities including net surplus,	3,833.132.81

Wm. J. WHEELER, Agent, South Paris, Me.

OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of February, A. D. 1896.

ELIZABETH L. B. RICHARDS, named Executrix in a certain instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Elmira Richards, late of Mexico in said County, deceased, having presented the same for Probate:

ORDERED, That the said petitioner give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the BETHEL NEWS printed at Bethel, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris in said County, on the third Tuesday of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the said instrument should not be proved, approved and allowed as the last Will and Testament of said deceased, and that Elizabeth L. B. Richards be appointed executrix.

Geo. A. Wilson, Judge.

A true copy—Attest:
Albert D. Park, Register.

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Lowest Prices Ever Named.

$23.	Fur Coats now	$15.00	$10. & $12. Kersey and Beaver Overcoats, now, 7 00
$15.	" " "	10.00	$5. $6. & $9. Reefers, now, $3, $4.
$9.	" " "	6.00	
$10. & $12.	Ulsters,	7.00	
$5. & $6.	"	4.00	

1 Lot Men's Double Breasted Suits, $3.00
1 " " Vermont Gray Suits, 4 00
3 " " Heavy Suits, have been $7., 7.50 & 8., now, 5.00
4 " " " " " $9. " 6.50
Several Lots Suits, " " $10. & $12 " 8.00
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The County News.

SHORT PARAGRAPHS Collected by our Local Correspondents, for the BETHEL NEWS.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

You are earnestly requested to send us the news from your locality every week. If you get out of stationery drop us a line.

In every town where we have not already got a correspondent we would like to make arrangements with some person to furnish us with items. Write us.

WEST BETHEL.

Now the man that prophecies
Because it was cloudy on Candlemas day
Is ready to swear, (but I think he lies),
That cold weather and snow will soon go away.

Miss Julia Gilcrease came home from Lewiston, Saturday.

Loy Eyster, after spending a few months in Massachusetts, is again seen on our streets.

George Harden has been confined to the house by sickness for a week but is getting out again.

Elwell Wilber has returned here after an absence of two years and is working in the mill.

Blanche Mills and Lillian Morrill, who have been attending Gould Academy came home Saturday.

S. W. Potter Esq. of Gilead is quite frequently seen in this village and seems to have much business to attend.

Donald, son of the register of deeds, came up from South Paris Friday and went to Mason, where they formerly lived.

Ernest Beam of New York, is visiting his uncle Alpheus Bean, and other relatives and friends in and around West Bethel.

Dr. Charles F. Reed of Hartford is selling medicines, essences and perfumery through this village and vicinity.

NORTHWEST BETHEL.

Ned Skillings was home on Sunday.

Miss Minnie Hall called on relatives at this place the 23rd.

Miss Grace Chapman, a nurse in the Maine General Hospital, made a brief call on friends here on Sunday last.

Freeland and Sherman Cummings have been spending some weeks with their aunt, Mrs. May Phelps in Albany.

Logging business is being rushed now, as people realize that unless we have the provesbial "six weeks sledding in March," the winter will soon be in the past.

Wm. Chapman sold his cows recently they were driven to Bethel Saturday he had the ill luck to lose a nice sheep last week. Mr. Chapman says he shall lose money in the lumber business this winter.

Three veal calves were sent from this place the 24th. Say! farmers, hasn't some one got to raise some of the good calves soon in order to keep the herds up, or will you depend on importing stock and running the risk of getting all sorts of "new-fangled diseases" free of charge, as Samantha says.

DENMARK.

The hotel is closed at present.

Ezra Davis is on the sick list with kidney trouble.

We learn that Charles E. Smith is on the sick list.

Miss Clara Davis is stopping at Mr. Witham's to help care for his sick wife.

Stephen Jewett and lady returned home from Canada last Saturday after an absence of a few weeks.

Mr. Charles Jordan and wife went to Norway, Saturday, to visit their daughter, Mrs. Frank Morrill.

H. Bartlett and wife have gone on a visit at his brother's at Locke's Mills, and she intends to visit the hospital at Portland for medical treatment.

The Rossini Quartette of Bridgton and a lady elocutionist gave a concert at Odd Fellows hall, Monday evening, the 17th, which was reported to be very fine.

One of our good Denmark girls, Miss Georgia Gore, was united in holy matrimony on Sunday, the 16th with Mr. Charles Clark of Hiram, by Rev. Mr. Sargent.

MAGALLOWAY.

Tuesday morning was the coldest of the winter being 40° below zero in several places in town.

The snow, which was so long time coming is here in piles now and three feet deep in the woods and coming every day.

Lumbering is booming now and teams are scarce; five teams at W. Mahaney's camp hauled twenty-five thousand feet at one load last Wednesday.

M. D. Sturtevant brought a fine horse out from his camp that had got badly hurt recently. Mr. Sturtevant thinks he will lose him.

H. E. Ellingwood has about two millions of logs to haul from the yards now. He drove down four oxen this week that have been yarding logs for the past four months, they are looking fine.

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WEST PARIS.

M. C. Moony, also Roscoe Tuell, have been for several days quite sick.

H. G. Brown is in Canada this week looking after lumber. He has been obliged to close his mill twice this winter on account of supplies giving out.

Rev. Z. G. Wheeler and wife of this village have for three weeks been at work with the evangelists Folger and Gibson at Albany and West Bethel, where it is reported much good has resulted from the efforts made.

We are soon to have a new business interest start here in connection with that of H. G. Brown & Son, which we believe will grow to such proportions as shall again put our village on the lists that are flourishing. Mr. Brown has for several years been trying to find parties who would be interested in some manufacturing business, and has now succeeded in securing parties, who are coming here with new and perfected machinery to go into the manufacture of wood rims for bicycles. The company will be formed probably next week, and the machinery will commence to arrive by the second week in March.

SOUTH PARIS.

Miss Lizzie Stevens of Bryant's Pond was in town Monday.

Mrs. P. A. Wilson has been confined to the house for the past few days.

The prisoners were moved from the old jail on the Hill to their new home, Saturday morning.

A large crowd attended the temperance meeting at the hall a week ago last Friday and listened to the speeches by local talent.

We understand that Miss Minnie A. Plummer has been engaged as organist in Williston church in Portland for one year beginning April 1st.

W. G. Hartwick and wife of Millbury, Mass., are visiting their many friends here. Mr. Hartwick reports business good.

The gentlemen of the Congregationalist church gave an oyster supper last Wednesday evening.

Wise and Glass have bought the stock and good will of A. A. Record and will sell the stock at cost. Mr. Wise is a South Paris boy and will manage the store.

NORTH ALBANY.

Charlie Dunham remains about the same.

E. Prince is cutting and hauling cord-wood.

Miss Gertrude Foster is visiting at C. Pringree's.

G. B. Mills is cutting wood for Mr. Fred Edwards.

Charles Pingree is hauling pulpwood to West Bethel.

First a storm and then a wind blow seems to be the order of the weather.

Lillian Morrill and Blanche Mills, who have been attending Gould's Academy have returned home.

We learn that David Morrill recently lost one of his horses, that he purchased of H. C. Philbrook.

Mr. Willard Tyler of Mason passed through this vicinity Sunday on his way to Mrs. Tyler's home.

We saw quite a number pass on their way to church at West Bethel, where there is being held series of meetings by Evangelists.

BRYANT'S POND.

Lucier's Minstrels will appear here May 14th.

The town report is in the hands of the publisher.

J. E. Stephens of Rumford Falls was in town Monday.

Arthur F. Bartlett and Harry M. Estes have gone to Jacksonville, Vt.

Mr. Dana C. Withman of Boston, has recently been on a visit to his mother.

"Enlisted for the War" will be the next drama presented here. The Grange Dramatic Club have it in preparation.

Hood's Pills cure headache, biliousness.

RUMFORD.

G. W. Stearns was at home, Saturday and Sunday.

H H. Hutchins was at home from the woods over Sunday.

Otis Howe made a visit at his daughter's the past week.

Several are talking of attending school at Rumford Point this spring

Mrs. A. A. Martin rode out Sunday for the first time since Christmas.

GROVER HILL.

Traveling is now quite good.

Johnny get your gun, the crow has come.

S. J. Walker called at his farm last Sunday.

Lyon brothers cut ice for Lewis Bartlett, Monday.

A. J. Peaslee was at Gilead, Saturday and Sunday.

O. H. Pingree of Rumford Falls, was in town Monday.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Lesson For the Week Beginning March 8. Comment by Rev. W. J. Yates, A. M. Topic, Preparation For Temptation and How to Meet It.

SCRIPTURE READING.—Math. iv, 4, 7, 10; xxvi, 41; Mark 1, 9-11.

Temptation is not necessarily an evil. It is incidental to human existence and unavoidable. It may be made to yield the richest fruits of righteousness. It makes possible the maturing of innocence into virtue. It opens the doors into knowledge of good. It aids in solidification of purpose into permanence and fixes the unalterable basis of character. Only thus can the creature attain to the full stature of the true manhood of Christ, the realization of the divine likeness in man. Preparation for temptation is best made by learning the will of God concerning us by study of the Bible. The mastery of the purpose of God concerning us, the saturation of the mind with Scriptural truth till one comes to think in spiritual language, constitutes the best safeguard against falling by temptation. No fence is high enough to keep temptations from the heart. No walls are thick enough to prison the tempter. The only safety is in knowledge of God's truth, and power, and promises, and such a deep and constant indwelling of the Holy Spirit that the desires will ever run side by side with knowledge of the right.

If one is filled in mind with the word of God and filled in heart with the Spirit of God, he can then understand the meaning of that great Christian James when he says, "Count it all joy, brethren, when ye fall into divers temptations, knowing that the trying of your faith worketh patience." Paul also says, "We glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation worketh patience, and patience experience, and experience hope, and hope maketh not ashamed, because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."

Bishop Matthew Simpson.

During his lifetime he was one of the most prominent figures in the pulpit, not only of his own church, but of the

BISHOP SIMPSON.

continent. A literary style singularly chaste, speech that glowed with fervent heart life, broad culture, ripened by travel and extensive experience with men, combined with simple faith and genuine piety, all aided in making him one of the foremost orators of the age. Perhaps he owed some of his powers of eloquence to his Celtic lineage. He was many sided. He was by turns a teacher, physician, preacher, college president, editor, traveler, lecturer and bishop, and displayed marked talents in each position. It would be a profitable exercise for a meeting of the League to spend an hour in a review of his life work and character.

Read It.

One of the best books on the Lord's Prayer is that by Dr. Marcus Dods. Its title is "The Prayer That Teaches to Pray." This should be read by all our members who desire substantial spiritual growth. Its value as an aid to devotion is great. As literature it is a gem of first water. It will bear reading and rereading. Many people use some such work as this as an aid to devotion and director in meditation. Such books are to be preferred to Kempis' "Imitation of Christ" and the like, written in a different age from this and with less understanding of the soul life than is possessed by saints of the present day. Living on the threshold of the twentieth century, our piety should be cast in modern rather than mediæval molds and forms.

Those who have had least difficulty in their careers are rarely the strongest in moral excellence. We never learn how to be magnanimous till we have suffered. Never till we have felt pain ourselves and endured poverty do we learn to sympathize with the suffering and poor. The discipline of pain ripens experience till our words, our tones, acquire a quality never before possessed and which cannot be imitated. They reveal what we have learned.

A noble purpose is a grand thing, but you cannot begin to build at the top. The foundations of solid character are laid in faithful performance of the little details of daily duty. Jacob sees the ladder to heaven in a dream at Bethel, but it is long years after his morning vow is made before he gets back to Bethel and has learned how to climb its rungs.

A man may become conspicuous or even great by accident or chance, but never wise and good without taking pains and working for it.

In matters of conscience first thoughts are best. In matters of prudence last thoughts are best.—Robert Hall.

Start the year with good resolves. Through all the year keep them.

Rest is not quitting the busy career;
Rest is the fitting of self to one's sphere,
'Tis the brook's motion, clear without strife,
Fleeting to ocean after its life.
'Tis loving and serving the highest and best;
'Tis onward and upward; that is true rest.

NORTH NEWRY.

Whooping cough is still raging.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gerry are both sick with pneumonia.

People are improving the good sledding by hauling wood to market and to the door, getting sawdust for ice, &c.

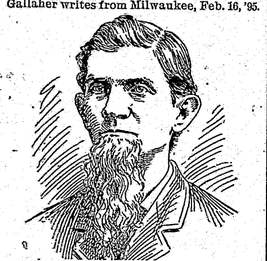
George Bennett has his shops full of wagons to be painted ready for summer. Mr. Bennett intends to devote his time to painting, he has so much to do he has engaged N. E. Merrill to help him the coming season.

North State Club met with Mrs. Agnes Bennett last week; sketches of Washington and extracts from his speeches were read, with music, and a paper read by Miss Farnham, the teacher; the evening passed pleasantly. Next meeting with Mrs. Herbert Marshall.

Epilepsy 20 Years.

Cured by Dr. Miles' Nervine.

A few years ago, Mr. L. W. Gallaher, was an extensive, successful expert manufacturer of lumber products. Attacked with epilepsy, he was obliged to give up his business. The attacks came upon him most inopportunely. One time falling from a carriage, at another down stairs, and often in the street. Once he fell down a shaft in the mill, his injuries nearly proving fatal. Mr. Gallaher writes from Milwaukee, Feb. 16, '95.



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GRAFTON.

The Ladies' Circle met with Mrs. A. W. Farrar last Thursday.

C. T. Parker has gone to work for J. A. Thurston of Newry Corner.

We had a rather cold and stormy spell of weather for the past few days.

School closed last Friday after a term of eight weeks taught by Miss Florence G. Farrar.

Gilbert Tyler and Rufus Farrar have harvested a good supply of ice for next summer's use.

Simeon Keddy, who has been out of the woods for the past few weeks has gone to work for Frank Forrest on Ceder Brook landing.

Herbert Pratt is working for A. F. Brooks.

Charles Bartlett of Locke's Mills was in town Sunday.

Daisy Brooks came home from Bethel, Friday, where she has been attending school.

A dance at J. H. Farrar's last Saturday night at which all appeared to enjoy themselves.

James Corbett is at work for E. I. Brown delivering hay to Blanchard and Twitchell's camps in Success.

This Is Different.

"Love makes the world go round." The world seems to go round, but loves makes your head swim. That's the explanation. — Boston Transcript.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Nobody is talking about ex-President Harrison being too old now.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Every civilized nation sympathizes with Armenia enough to ask some other nation to go and help her.—San Francisco Call.

Electrical ideas applied to toys are growing in number daily. They come under the heads of current amusements.—Pennsylvania Times.

It is said the new style of bicycles will show great improvements in the spring. It will be seen how they work by the fall. —Philadelphia Times.

In addition to being the leading mule market of the country St. Louis will be able to exhibit a goodly collection of dark horses in June.—New York Press.

If the educational test is not soon an immigration requirement, Professor Garner's monkeys will crowd the gangplanks of arriving steamers.—Boston Journal.

It is painfully palpable that a great many men are so interested in reports of the Turko-Russian alliance that their wives have to carry in the coal.—Wichita Eagle.

The wife of an Omaha musician has regained her speech after 24 years of silence. A man can't expect to have an uninterrupted run of luck always.—Kansas City Journal.

The rather advanced opinion that a conviction for arson where death has been caused should send the culprit to the electric chair is gaining ground with marked rapidity.—New York Journal.

"It is an important duty to die," says the Rev. Frank De Witt Talmage. Yet how many put off this important duty until the last moment!—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

A thousand patents for life saving street car fenders have been taken out. If a few more are invented, the deaths caused by cable and trolley run overs will rise to half a dozen a day.—Glen Falls Star.

There is a good deal of color in the United States supreme court, but nothing glaring or gaudy. There are Justices Gray, Brown and White—sort of subdued tone, it will be perceived.—Brooklyn Standard-Union.

The remarkable scientific discovery by which it has become possible to photograph the interior of opaque substances will do away with any necessity of wearing the heart on the sleeve.—Syracuse Standard.

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DR. DOVER, BUCCANEER.

He Discovered Selkirk, Sacked Guayaquil and Invented Dover's Powder.

Not many persons who have taken a Dover's powder have any idea of the romantic career of the man who gave his name to the preparation. Professor Osler of Johns Hopkins university, in a paper published in The Lancet, tells his story.

Thomas Dover was born in Warwickshire about 1660, and after studying at Cambridge and with the famous Dr. Sydenham settled down at Bristol, for centuries the home port for adventurers, privateers and slave traders. He was nearly 50 when he joined in a commercial and piratical venture with a number of Bristol merchants. Two ships, the Duke and the Duchess, were fitted out for a voyage to the south seas, from which Willam Dampier, the circumnavigator of the world, had brought wonderful tales of Spanish riches. Dampier, who had come to grief in his last expedition to those regions, was taken along as pilot, while Dover went as third in command to Captain Rogers and appears in his narrative as Captain Dover. The expedition was memorable for two events. On Feb. 1, 1709, the ships arrived off the island of Juan Fernandez, and Captain Dover, who was sent ashore in the pinnace, brought back with him to the ship a couple of days later a man, clad in goat-skins, who had been left on the island four years and a half before. This was Alexander Selkirk, the original Robinson Crusoe.

Later the expedition sailed up the South American coast, and found what it was seeking in the two cities of Guayaquil, which it attacked and sacked. Dover led the van and cured the sailors of the plague which broke out after the capture of the cities. After cruising in the Pacific for another two years for the Spanish ships they returned to England in 1711, having collected plunder to the value of $850,000. Dover's share made him a wealthy man, and left him free to wander about the world for some years.

He settled down in London as a physician in 1731, carrying into his practice the pugnacious habits of his buccaneer's life. To attract public attention, he published his book, "The Ancient Physician's Legacy to His Country, Being What He Has Collected Himself In Forty-nine Years of Practice; Designed to the Use of All Private Families." The book ran through eight editions, the last apparently being published in 1771. On page 18, on the section on gout, is given the formula for his famous powder:

"Take opium one ounce, saltpeter and tartar vitriolated each four ounces; ipecacuanha one ounce. Put the saltpeter and tartar into a redhot mortar, stirring with a spoon until they have done flaming. Then powder them very fine; after that slice in your opium, grind them to a powder, and then mix the other powders with these. Dose, from forty to sixty or seventy grains in a glass of white wine posset going to bed, covering up warm, and drinking a quart or three pints of the posset; drink while sweating."

The publication of the book made a great noise, and brought Dover into many quarrels with his fellows, who treated him as a quack, as they did Sydenham, for that matter. He carried on a bitter war against apothecaries, too, and died in 1742. His powder is still in the British pharmacopœia.—New York Sun.

Points on a Point.

A student undergoing examination in the principles of mechanics was asked, "Why will not a pin stand on its point?" He returned the following answer:

"In the first place, a point is defined by Euclid as that which has no parts and no magnitude, and how can a pin stand on that which has no parts and no magnitude? In the second place, a pin will not stand on its head; much less, therefore, will it stand on its point. Thirdly and lastly, it will if you stick it in hard enough."—Exchange.

Ararat a Difficult Mount to Climb.

Of those who have attempted the ascent of Ararat, and their number is not large, so many have failed to reach the summit that upon a mountain which makes few if any demands upon the resources of the climbers' craft their discomfiture must be attributed to other reasons, to the peculiar nature of the ground traversed no less than to the inordinate duration of the effort, to the wearisome recurrence of the same kind of obstacles and to the rarity of the air.—Scribner's.

The Codex Upsal.

The Codex Upsal differs from every other known manuscript in the fact that it was written with silver ink on violet parchment, the initials being of gold. The secret of the manufacture of this silver ink is not definitely known, though it is suspected that some solution of the metal was employed in the writing and then subsequently treated with chemicals to give the metallic luster and effect.

Precepts and maxims are of great weight, and a few useful ones at hand do more toward a wise and happy life than whole volumes of cautions that we know not where to find.—C. Simmons.

The vellela, a species of jellyfish, is a natural raft, having a membrane which, when erected and spread, serves as a sail.

A writer gives this advice to women: "If you have to stand up in the cars, do not assume an air of injured innocence."

Colorado has 17,067 employees in its factories, making annually a product valued at $42,480,205.

Every saint in the calendar is said to be provided with a floral emblem.

AN EMBARRASSING SITUATION.

Especially as the Man Is Most Diffident and Also Married.

One day last week as a reporter came out of Fourteenth street into Pennsylvania avenue he met coming across the avenue from the cable cars, from which he had just alighted, the most diffident newspaper man on the row. He had a nervous, uncertain, glad-to-escape look, and he met the reporter in much the same spirit a shipwrecked sailor would meet a life preserver.

"Hello!" exclaimed the reporter. "What's the matter?"

"Whew!" and the diffident man puffed out a long breath of relief. "I hope to goodness I'll never have another such experience."

"What was it? An accident?"

"Partially," smiled the escaped. "At least, I think it was. It was this way," and he turned to give a last gaze at the car as it whirled out of sight around the corner of Fifteenth street. "I was coming up from the capitol, and the car was pretty well loaded when three ladies got in at Peace monument. I thought there was room next to me for them and shoved over to accommodate them, but only two could get in. Then I offered my place to the third one, but she declined and insisted on declining so vigorously that I remained in my seat. However, she thanked me and said she would sit on the lap of one of her companions, and down she sat.

"Now, as I said, there wasn't any room to spare in that car, and when she sat down, she sat on one-half of my lap, and I didn't dare move a peg. I thought she would notice it, but she was busy talking and didn't, and I stood the pressure the best I knew how. I twisted around three or four times, but it didn't seem to do any good and only made me more uncomfortable, and I finally submitted, quietly hoping the party would leave the car before I had to. The hope, however, was dashed as we drew nearer to Fourteenth street, and then I began to wonder how I was ever going to get out of it, for I didn't have time to stay in the car till my fair burden left, neither did I want to pay car fare back from Georgetown or some other suburban point. As the car passed the street I made a herculean effort.

"'Excuse me, madam,' said I, 'but I want to leave the car here.'

"'Well?' and the surprised woman looked at me, questioningly, 'I have no objections.'

"'I presume not,' I stammered, 'but you are sitting on my lap and I can't move.'

"'What!' she exclaimed, bouncing up like a rubber ball. 'All that distance?'

"'Yes, madam,' I responded, very much embarrassed, and feeling like a small boy caught in a jam jar.

"Then the next lady to me laughed right out."

"'Well,' she said, 'I thought you were very light.'

"I suppose they are talking about it yet," he concluded, with another sigh of relief, "but, thank heaven, I'm out of it." And the reporter went and bought half a dollar's worth of tickets, and asked for a half day off to use them up in.—Washington Star.

Queen Louisa of Prussia and the Rose.

Before parting Napoleon spent a few moments at her side, and at the end, turning, pulled from a bunch a beautiful rose, which he offered with gestures of gallantry and homage. Hesitating a moment the queen at last put out her hand and said as she accepted it, "At least with Magdeburg."

"Madame," came the frigid reply, "it is mine to give and yours to accept." But he gave his arm to conduct her to the carriage, and as they descended the stair together the disappointed guest said in a sentimental and emotional voice, "Is it possible that, having had the happiness to see so near the man of the century and of all history, he will not afford me the possibility and the satisfaction of being able to assure him that he has put me under obligations for life?"

With solemn tones Napoleon replied: "Madame, I am to be pitied. It is a fault of my unlucky star."

Queen Louisa's own lady in waiting related that her sovereign's bitterness overcame her at the last, and as she stepped into the carriage she said, "Sire, you have cruelly deceived me."—Professor Sloane in Century.

What It Cost Him.

Mrs. Watts—There! We have cleared off the last of that church debt, and it never cost you men a cent. See what women can do.

Mr. Watts—I don't know about the other fellows, but I know you have made me spend more than $100 for extra meals down town while you were out monkeying around.—Indianapolis Journal.

Guessed Wrong.

Flathunter (who hates dogs)—Do you allow your tenants to keep dogs?

Landlord (on the wrong scent)—Well, yes, sometimes.

Flathunter—That settles it. I won't take the flat.—New York Tribune.

PEN, CHISEL AND BRUSH.

Mark Twain writes to a friend in Hartford that he went away in debt and will come back in a first cabin.

It is said that in his early days Du Maurier's greatest ambition was to become a water color painter.

Although Sidney Cooper, the English artist, is 93 years old, he is painting pictures for the spring exhibition at the Academy.

It is said in Paris that Emile Zola really stands a good chance of being elected to the Academy to fill the vacancy left by the late M. Dumas.

C. E. Dillon, the instructor in sculpture at the Drexel institute, Philadelphia, has completed the statue of Sir Isaac Newton which is to be placed in the rotunda of the new Congressional library at Washington.

Munkacsy has received the offer of the post of inspector of fine arts for the kingdom of Hungary. The great artist, who is now living in Paris, is never ashamed to refer to his lowly beginnings. At one time he painted signposts and tradesmen's walls.

Mr. Baring Gould thinks out many of his plots lying on his back in bed. The foundations of more than one story have been developed in a single sleepless night and no sooner developed than elaborated. As a rule, Mr. Baring Gould is content to write one novel a year.

THE TATTLER.

Miss Mabel Spencer is county physician in Riley county, Kan. She is only 29.

Miss Louisa Aldrich Blake is the first woman to receive th edegree of master of surgery from London university.

Mrs. Annie Merifield of Limington, Me., who is 94 years old, is making considerable pin money knitting socks for the Portland market.

Miss Anna Dickinson is still in the lecture field and talked at length to a Scranton audience lately on her travels in southern California.

Mme. Adelina Patti has been made a member of the Royal Academy at Bologna. This distinction is more flattering from its having been only once before accorded to a lyric artist.

Miss Mary C. Philbrook, the first woman to obtain admission to the bar in New Jersey, is creating more or less of a furore. She is tall and slim, with an attractive face and keen black eyes.

Miss Julia Stevenson might perhaps claim the honor of being the belle of the capital, for she is much admired, not only by the young people among whom she moves, but by all classes of society.

The wife of Bishop Hurst of Washington, formerly Miss Root of Albany, has become a great leader in church and charitable work at the national capital and a social favorite among church people.

One of the best whist players in this country is Mrs. Lucia Runkle, who is also a literary worker. She is a wonderfully good player, with a young daughter who is growing up to be no less remarkable in that respect.

Mrs. J. Stanley Brown (Mollie Garfield) is one of the most popular young matrons in Washington. She is a brunette, with warm golden brown hair, large dark eyes and an exquisite complexion. She has three children.

Mrs. Custer is a handsome woman, whose hair is only beginning to turn gray, and whose face shows few signs of the tragedy through which she lived 20 years ago. She is a delightful but very earnest talker and takes life more seriously than most women.

Mrs. Nellie Showalter of Kentucky is probably the greatest woman chess player in the world. She was born in 1872 at Donerail, Ky., and is a direct descendant of Chief Justice Marshall. She was married in 1887 to Jackson W. Showalter, who taught her to play chess.

Mme. Castronia, the champion fencer of the United States and Canada, says that she went into her profession because she thought it a good one for making money. She defeated Duncan C. Ross on horseback, and also Professor Castronia, who afterward became her husband.

Mrs. Levi P. Morton's weakness is for slippers, shoes and boots. She has so many that she could wear a different pair each day for a year. They are of kid, suede, silk, satin—indeed, of every imaginable material—and, while some are embroidered in silver, others are trimmed in gold.

SHORT SERMONS.

Resolution is omnipotent.—John Foster.

Alternate rest and labor long endure.—Ovid.

Sarcasm poisons reproof. — Wigglesworth.

Nature is commanded by obeying her.—Bacon.

A fresh mind keeps the body fresh.—Bulwer.

Every noble work is at first impossible.—Carlyle.

Rashness and haste make all things insecure.—Denham.

Reproof should not exhaust its powers on petty failings.—Anon.

You will find poetry nowhere unless you bring some with you.—Joubert.

Evil is wrought by want of thought as well as by want of heart.—Hood.

Weak men fight their friends; strong men fight their enemies.—Grant.

Poverty is the test of civility and the touchstone of friendship.—Hazlitt.

All a rhetorician's rules teach nothing but to name his tools.—Samuel Butler.

The pleasure for which we dare not thank God cannot be innocent.—Anon.

To have what we want is riches, but to be able to do without is power.—G. Macdonald.

Patience is not passive; on the contrary, it is active; it is concentrated strength.—Anon.

It is the bright day that brings forth the adder and craves wary walking.—Shakespeare.

SISTERLY CITIES.

Chicago is now claiming pre-eminence as a health resort. What brand of nerve food do you suppose she uses?—Florida Times-Union.

In Chicago pedestrians are now cautioned against throwing lighted cigars into the Chicago river for fear of setting it on fire.—New York Press.

Chicago is determined to have a finer library building than Boston, even if it has to hire persons to sit in the rooms and do the reading.—New York Sun.

Let us be just. By the mobilization of the thieves, thugs and murderers in New York Mr. Roosevelt is giving the balance of the country excellent police protection.—Washington Post.

Before leaving Chicago Yvette Guilbert, in an interview, said her only regret was that she had spent two days in Chicago and never saw a pig. Surely she must have been blind.—St. Louis Star.

In case of war, should a British army capture Chicago, all the Chicagoese would need to do would be to shut off their sewer drainage and poison the invaders before they could get away. What would become of the Chicagoese? Oh, they are used to it!—Cleveland World.

THE KENTUCKY AND WHISKY.

The W. C. T. U. is to be commended. Miss Richardson's idea, if carried out, would result in the loss of a bottle of liquor that most of her gentlemen friends could put to better use.—Pittsburg Post.

The Woman's Christian Temperance union of Kentucky should remember that if that bottle of old "Bourbon" isn't allowed to trickle over the bow of the new warship some Kentuckian will almost certainly drink it.—Chicago Record.

Old Kentucky whisky, instead of champagne, will be used to christen the battleship Kentucky. It is a better symbol, but the sailors of the ship and the people of the state will join in lamenting such a waste of good whisky.—Philadelphia Ledger.

The W. C. T. U. is a great and good organization, but when it undertakes to dissuade Kentuckians from using whisky to christen the new battleship named for their state it has a contract the Angel Gabriel would have difficulty in carrying out.—Chicago Tribune.

A Keen Witted Woman.

Lord Waterford used to tell some good stories of his experience as an Irish magistrate. One of them referred to the case of a woman whom he had to sentence for a breach of the peace. He let her off on condition that she found two securities of £10 each that she would keep the peace for six months.

"Thank ye, my lord," said she, moving toward the door.

"No, no," said Lord Waterford, "you must name your securities that I may see whether they are satisfactory."

"Faith, and who would I name," she answered, "but your lordship's self? Yer good enough for two," a retort which not only showed the sprightliness of the Irish character, but in addition the feeling of friendly confidence which the Irish peasantry who knew him cherished for the Lord of Curraghmore.

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THE LISTENER.

Bismarck is largely interested in the manufacture of paper.

Elijah Shaw of Wales, Mass., who died the other day, was one of the founders of Shaw university, Raleigh, N. C.

Mr. Daniel Gordon of Knox, Me., has been teaching school for 67 years and is still in harness and working hard.

Secretary Olney is a great stickler for precedence and has reduced its rules to a fine point at official functions in Washington.

Congressman Harrison H. Atwood of Massachussetts is the artistic member. He is an architect by profession and a landscape painter by choice.

George W. Walsh, said to be the oldest man in Kansas, was born near Schenectady, N. Y., in 1791. He is in good health, and his memory is unclouded.

Judge Culberson of Texas, now a congressman, has defended 110 men charged with murder in the first degree and has never had a client sentenced to death.

Mr. George W. Vanderbilt is establishing, on his estate at Biltmore, in North Carolina, a scientific collection of dried plants in connection with an aboretum and scientifically managed forest.

Sir Julian Pauncefote, who has been noted in Washington as one of the most charming entertainers of the diplomatic corps, has redoubled his social attentions since the Venezuelan dispute arose.

Professor Gieseler of Gottingen has 24 children. He saw a child crying in the street and asked, "What is the matter, little boy?" "Don't you know me, papa?" said the boy. He was one of the 24 children.

Count Kotzebue, the new Russian minister to the United States, is of German extraction, the descendant of a race of seamen, himself an ex-naval officer, with plenty of bluff, sailorlike directness in his composition.

Owing largely to the efforts of Count Tolstoi the Zemstoys of a large number of provinces in Russia, as well as several prominent officials in Asiatic Russia, have decided to petition for the abolition of flogging as a punishment.

The Rev. J. Ross Stevenson, who has just been elected to a professorship in the McCormick Theological seminary of Chicago, is said to be the youngest theological professor in the Presbyterian church, having just entered his thirtieth year.

Emile Deschanel taught Greek to Taine, About and Sarcey. He is 77, a writer for the newspapers, a writer of books, a captivating lecturer, a senator, and Gaston Deschamps says of his work, "It is dominated at serene heights by a luminous dream."

Speaker Reed is the victim of a crank who is in the habit of writing long communications to him on postal cards. The crank begins on one card and continues his writing on others until a single letter sometimes covers a dozen cards, which he mails separately.

Mr. Jerome K. Jerome has been speaking disrespectfully of the dead languages. He says that "a knowledge of the dead languages has generally been found to hamper a man in every walk of life except schoolmastering, which is the perpetuation of the follies of our ancestors."

CURIOSITIES OF WAR.

On July 1, 1895, there were 261,000 men serving in the navies of the world.

Switzerland has a population of less than 3,000,000, and a standing army of 130,000.

During our great civil war 61,362 men on the Union side were killed outright in battle.

In time of war France reckons on putting out 370 men to every 1,000 of her population.

The German war fleet is made up of but 86 vessels, but is the most modern, and on that account, probably the best in Europe.

Britain brags that the guns now used by her army will send a bullet through four ranks of men at a distance of 450 yards.

During our civil war the Union ordnance department served out 7,893 cannons, 4,022,000 rifles and 12,207 tons of powder.

It is estimated that over 4,000,000,000 human beings have perished in the wars of the world since the opening of the Christian era.

President Lincoln made 14 different calls for troops, asking for an aggregate of 2,843,748 men. Of the above number he succeeded in obtaining 2,690,401 men.

The war of the bastards was in 1324, between Charles IV of France and Edward II of England, both having for their chief officers the numerous illegitimate sons of the nobility and royalty.—St. Louis Republic.

PERT POLITICS.

Indiana, Hoosier candidate?—New York World.

The national game—running for the presidency.—Boston Transcript.

The theory seems to be that every state should have a favorite son for first ballot purposes.—Chicago Tribune.

So far a good many of the presidential booms are disposed to keep their operations strictly within the boundary lines of their own states.—Washington Star.

Keeping mum and smiling blandly is passing muster for statesmanship with more than one presidential possibility about these days. — Rochester Post-Express.

The aspirants for presidential honors are kept very busy these days distributing the postoffices in the various states. They passed the foreign ministries around before Christmas.—Galveston News.

Politicians who think they have lariated several of the presidential booms and have them secured at their saddle horns may wake up and find it a delusion. The people have not yet dropped to the man. June is months away, and there is history yet to be recorded.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

RED HAIR.

Redheaded boys are smarter than most other boys and can carry a lot more freckles.

The hair that calls for a white horse is, of course, horse reddish. It goes with a tart temper too.

Red hair, when worn by young ladies, develops a good deal of electricity. You can't help noticing the sparks.

Redheaded girls would be nicer than other girls if it weren't for the fact that the other girls are just as nice as girls can be.

The lover says, "In your sunny tresses, dear, the warm light loves to linger." The husband says, "Say, Bricktop, will you sew on this button?"

Red hair is of great advantage to a pugilist. It denotes an oratorical temperament. Cicero was redheaded, or else he wasn't, one or the other.—New York Recorder.

ADVERTISING TRUTHS.

The man who expends $100,000 in advertising all in a lump belongs in a lunatic asylum, and he usually gets there too.

The ad. writer a couple of years ago was a myth. Today he is a palpable fact and a potent factor in the attainment of business success.

Business, in a great measure, "comes by itself" during the busy season. The dull season is the time when persistent and judicious advertising is required to brace it up.

Few advertisements are so good that they could not be improved by an attractive outline out. The era of pictorial advertising is still in its infancy, despite the theory of uninformed outsiders that it is on the wane.—Octavus Cohen.

OUR GIRLS.

What the suffragists mean by deciding not to hold their next convention at Washington is that congress is a "mean old thing."—Kansas City Star.

In the feminine question, "Is my hat on straight?" advanced women see only the sex's innate disposition to show it has a level head.—Philadelphia Times.

A man says that women make fools of themselves when they imitate men, and a woman replies that they certainly do when the imitation is good.—Wichita Eagle.

A woman in Pittsburg, while waiting up for her husband, caught a burglar and nearly killed him. She probably thought it was her husband.—Los Angeles Express.

WIENIAWSKI KNOCKED OUT.

An Experience of the Famous Violinist In Aristocratic Society.

Eugene Isaye tells this story of Wieniawski's experience in Paris, in which the artist did not come off first best either. When that violinist was the rage, 20 years ago or more, a baroness of the Faubourg St. Germain insisted on his coming to her soiree. He did not care much about doing so, but finally gave in. When he went, the baroness received him with effusion, and after a few moments, when a few people were present, asked him to play something. He glanced around; the baroness had gone back to the head of the staircase, and there were present a few shriveled up old gentlemen and three or four young girls. "Bah!" he said to his accompanist, shrugging his shoulders. Let us play 'Ernst's Elegie.'"

Now, you know that "Ernst's Elegie" is of all compositions the most dull and uninteresting. It is tedious enough to drive a hearer to commit suicide.

They played 'Ernst's Elegie," and the baroness, who had been out of hearing during the performance, came beaming into the room soon after, at least so runs the story in the Pittsburg Dispatch.

"Ah, monsieur, how beautiful! I cannot thank you enough, but might I dare to ask you to play once again? Yes!" And she hastened away to welcome more guests.

"What shall we play?" asked the accompanist. Wieniawski looked around. The company was becoming more numerous, but no more interesting than at the beginning. "Let's play 'Ernst's Elegie' again," he said.

They did so with renewed lack of attention from every one and another burst of ecstasy from the baroness and a third request to play, after which she fitted away again.

"If these people don't understand 'Ernst's Elegie' they must hear it till they do," Wieniawski said to his accompanist when she had gone, so he played the elegie for the third time, and the baroness, who came back just as the last few bars were being sounded, proclaimed this to be the most ravishing of all the violinist's renditions and bade him adieu with thanks.

Thus far this is the story as Wieniawski tells it, but Rubinstein, who heard it repeated once, said, "Ah, but you have omitted the last part," and this is how he ended it: "As Wieniawski was leaving the baroness' house one of the guests, a little, shriveled old gentleman, who had been present from the beginning of the soiree, came up to the violinist. 'Monsieur Wieniawski,' he piped, 'I have felt the most profound admiration for your playing tonight. Indeed, I have never missed a concert that you have given in Paris.' Wieniawski bowed, and the old gentleman continued: 'There is one piece in your repertory that once made the most profound impression on me, and I desire ardently to hear it again. Come with your violin to my house tomorrow or the day after and name your own terms, for before I die I must hear you play "Ernst's Elegie."'"

Rubinstein says that Wieniawski did not stop to make the appointment. He rushed out of the house too much overcome to say whether he would gratify the old gentleman's last wish, and that is one of the most authentic musical histories that were ever penned, for Rubinstein and Wieniawski both vouched for it.

Packing Sugar.

The bag has displaced both the hogshead and the barrel in the shipment of refined and raw sugars. There was a time, not so very long ago, when such a thing as shipping sugar in anything but a stave made vessel was unheard of, but now it is just the other way. The bag has become popular because it is cheaper, and continues to grow cheaper, while the wooden receptacles advance in price at about the same ratio. Even molasses has gone back on the stave, and that sticky commodity is being carried in bulk.—Philadelphia Record.

A Lost Rebuke.

"George," said she in a tone of bitter rebuke, "as far as I can see you are going to the dogs."

"You're never contented, Maria!" returned her erring husband. "You made me give up horses, and here you are complaining about dogs. Do I object to your cats and your canaries? No, madam! I would scorn to interfere with your pets—and I beg of you to respect my preference for nobler animals!"—New York Tribune.

Probably.

Probably a woman would be a bride to her husband longer if she would continue making company of him. Most women begin to save their jam for visitors when they have been married three months.—Boston Post.

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